AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A ~~service control point~~call processor for controlling an outbound call using ~~a subscriber's~~ outbound call rule information, the call processor comprising:

~~a receiver that receives the outbound call rule information;~~

a memory that stores the outbound call rule information, the outbound call rule information being configurable by a user and comprising at least one rule relating to processing the outbound call; and

a sender that sends at least one ~~service control point control~~call processor message based on action information ~~when~~in response to a switch message when ~~is received and a condition based on~~condition information is satisfied~~met~~, the switch message being received from a switch ~~at the service control point~~ in response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number and received at the switch, and the ~~service control point control~~call processor message being sent to the switch for controlling the outbound call received at the switch;

~~wherein the stored outbound call rule information is configurable by a subscriber and is comprised of at least one rule, and~~

wherein each rule is comprised of <u>at least</u> a portion of the action information and a portion of the condition information.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~service control point~~<u>call processor</u> of claim 24,

wherein the condition information ~~further~~ comprises at least one condition related to at least a portion of the dialed number.

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~service control point~~<u>call processor</u> of claim 25,

wherein the action information comprises information related to forwarding the outbound call to a number other than the dialed number.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~service control point~~<u>call processor</u> of claim 25,

wherein the action information comprises information related to submitting a personal identification (PIN) number.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~service control point~~<u>call processor</u> of claim 25,

wherein the action information comprises information related to sending a page to a paging device.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~service control point~~<u>call processor</u> of claim 25,

wherein the action information comprises information related to disallowing the outbound call.

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~service control point~~call processor of claim 25,

    wherein the action information comprises information related to prepending at

least one prefix number to a dialed number sequence.

31. (Currently Amended) The ~~service control point~~call processor of claim 25,

    wherein the action information ~~further~~ comprises a dial-around code, and

    wherein the action further comprises routing the outbound call via a carrier

associated with the dial-around code.

32. (Currently Amended) The ~~service control point~~call processor of claim 25,

    wherein at least one rule comprises a plurality of actions.

33. (Currently Amended) The ~~service control point~~call processor of claim 24,

    wherein at least one rule comprises a plurality of conditions.

34. (Currently Amended) The s ~~service control point~~call processor of claim 24,

    wherein the outbound call rule information comprises a plurality of rules.

35. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an outbound call using ~~a subscriber's~~

outbound call rule information, comprising:

    ~~receiving outbound call rule information configured by a subscriber;~~

storing the outbound call rule information ~~at a service control point~~, the outbound call rule information being configurable by a user and comprising at least one rule relating to processing the outbound call;

sending ~~from the service control point to a switch~~ at least one ~~service control point control~~ call processor message based on action information ~~when~~ in response to a switch message ~~when~~ is received ~~and a condition based on~~ condition information is satisfied ~~met~~, the switch message being received from a switch ~~at the service control point~~ in response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number and received at the switch, and the ~~service control point control~~ call processor message being sent ~~to the switch~~ for controlling the outbound call received at the switch;

~~wherein the stored outbound call rule information comprises at least one rule; and~~

wherein each rule is comprised of ~~comprises~~ at least a portion of the action information and a portion of the condition information.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, ~~further comprising:~~

~~receiving at the service control point from the switch the switch message in response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number; and~~

~~sending from the service control point to the switch the service control point control message,~~

wherein the switch initiates an action based on the action information in response to receiving the call processor message.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 36, further comprising:

determining whether at least a portion of ~~a number~~the dialed number satisfies at least one condition of the outbound call rule information.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim of claim 37,

wherein the switch forwards the outbound call to a number other than the dialed number based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim of claim 37, further comprising:

receiving a personal identification number (PIN) based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim of claim 37,

wherein a page is sent to a paging device based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim of claim 37,

wherein the outbound call is disallowed based on the action information of the ~~subscriber's~~ outbound call rule information.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim of claim 37,

wherein at least one prefix number is prepended to a dialed number sequence based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36,

      wherein the action information further comprises a dial-around code, and

      wherein the initiating further comprises routing the outbound call via a carrier associated with the dial-around code.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim of claim 35,

      wherein the switch initiates a plurality of actions based on the action information of the rule.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim of claim 36, further comprising:

      determining whether outbound call information in the switch message satisfies a plurality of conditions of the rule.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim of claim 36, further comprising:

      determining whether outbound call information in the switch message satisfies conditions of a plurality of rules.